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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 22, 1998

APPLICATION OF

PO RIVER WATER & SEWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE950091

For a rate increase pursuant
to Virginia Code § 56-265.13:1 et seq.

ORDER ON PETITION

On November 25, 1998, Po River Water & Sewer Company ("Po River" or the "Company") filed a petition ("November 25 Petition") requesting that the Commission grant the Company an extension of time in which to complete the refund ordered by the Commission in its Final Order issued in this proceeding on March 20, 1998 ("Final Order"). Po River requested that it be allowed to extend the date for making refunds an additional two years from the prescribed December 31, 1998 deadline. Po River argued that such an extension was essential in order for the Company to have sufficient funds to continue to operate.

By Order dated December 7, 1998, the Commission provided parties and Staff an opportunity to respond to the November 25 Petition on or before December 18, 1998.

The Commission received timely responses to the November 25, 1998 Motion from the Commission Staff and Indian Acres Club of Thornburg, Inc. ("IACT").

On December 21, 1998, Po River filed a Motion for Permission to File a Reply to the Staff's and IACT's Responses ("December 21 Motion") by December 29, 1998. Po River requests that its obligation to complete the remaining refunds (currently, December 31, 1998) be suspended until such time as the Commission can rule upon the Company's November 25 Petition.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the foregoing, is of the opinion and finds that the Company's request to file a reply is not unreasonable and should be granted. We will permit Po River to file such reply on or before December 29, 1998, and hereby suspend the Company's obligation to complete the refunds required by the Final Order in this proceeding until such time that the Commission acts on the November 25 Petition. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The December 21 Motion is granted and the Company's obligation to complete the refunds due by December 31, 1998, is suspended until further Commission action.

(2) This matter is continued generally.